

ever saw collected on one battle-field.

The reasons back of this lavish display are probably a fear of a native ally, and possibly a conviction of the inevitability of showing Europe that the British Empire is not a mere figment of the imagination, but a reality resulting from the prevailing continental ill-will. In this connection the action of the American department of the navy and the United States of America, President McKinley and Secretary of State Hay are heartily welcomed as a happy return for Great Britain's refusal to sanction the continental intervention in the war between the United States and Spain.

As the Boers failed to attack Natal when the colony was vulnerable, it is surprising to find that the British are pursuing a deliberate policy of waiting for the Boers to make a move. The British proposals, remaining in the meantime on the defensive, in the hope of winning the support of the United States, and perhaps the support of other nations and leaving to Great Britain the ignominy of starting hostilities.

**May Prolong Peace.**

They wait, the advance of General Buller is arrested, the comfortable peace will not be broken during the present year. Should that prove a case, and should the alleged waste of money be proved to be a waste, the

